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SNACK BAR OPENS

Phan Rang Air Base, now has the newest most modern snack bar in South Vietnam. The new facility which was opened recently serves everything from hamburgers to fried chicken with french fries.

Staff Sergeant Donald Hasty, 37, from Sanford, Florida and SP-5 Terrance Lynch, 25, from Lemmon, South Dakota, both members of the United States Army, who work for the

Base Exchange Food Service Division recently transferred to Phan Rang to operate the new facility.

The new snack bar is open 24 hours a day and from all reports, the food is excellent and leaves very little to be desired.

According to SP-5 Lynch, "the 15 Vietnamese employees who work at the new snack bar are doing a fine job and his business is booming."

In the past air crew members who returned from night missions had no place to eat before going to bed, but the new facility which is located near the flightline will solve that problem.

AUSSIES LOAD CANBERRA IN RECORD TIME

A doubting U.S. Air Force officer was overheard by an Australian Warrant officer making a statement that the Australian knew was not correct.

The American officer said "It was impossible to load six 1,000 lb bombs on a Canberra jet bomber in less than eight minutes."

Following a brief, but tactful conversation, a loading contest was set up and Warrant Officer Ray Spurr, a member of the Number Two squadron at Phan Rang had six 1,000 pound bombs waiting by a Canberra bomber the next afternoon.

At precisely 2:PM, an Australian loading crew came up to the bomber and met the doubting Air Force officer, who was still confident that he was right.

On a signal from Sgt. Ken Guthrie, the Australian Line Chief, the loading crew went to work.

Three minutes and 52 seconds later, all six 1,000 lb. bombs were safely hanging in their bomb cradles and the doubting U.S. Air Force officer was shaking his head in disbelief.

The five Australians who had loaded the bombs: Cpl. Ken Craven, Cpl. Lyn Gentle, LAC. Bob Couper, and LAC. Bob Wilson came out from the underside of the Canberra with a big smile on their face,

'EOD' MEN SAVE TRUCK

The Phan Rang Explosive Ordnance Disposal office telephone recently rang at 12:45 PM, one of the EOD men answered the call and ten minutes later, SSgt. James L. Callaway, 30, of Oakland, Calif., and TSgt. James D. Sloan, 33, of Charleston, S.C. and their equipment were on their way to join the 101st Air Borne Division in what turned out to be a very interesting trip for the EOD men.

Upon reaching the 101st area, they joined up with an Army convoy and headed for Ca Na, a small village which is located 25 miles from Phan Rang Air Base.

Earlier this same day an Army vehicle was ambushed and two soldiers riding in the vehicle were injured.

Both soldiers were brought to Phan Rang for treatment.

Upon arriving at the scene of the ambush, sergeants Sloan and Callaway put their mine detector to work and checked the area for booby traps, which the Viet Cong frequently place in similar situations.

No un-friendly ordnance was found and the truck was towed upon to the road.

Once on the road the damaged truck was searched for hidden devices and the convoy started back to

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AF NOW 20 YEARS

In a 20th Anniversary message to all Air Force people Air Force Secretary Harold Brown, said "It is of course fitting for us to recall our successes; there have been many such successes: in deterring nuclear war, in combat and operations, in pushing back the frontiers of science and technology.

However we must do more, we must relate the accomplishments and lessons of the past to the needs of the future. Each member of the Air Force has a need to look at his profession, to examine its roots and its future.

The fine performance of the Air Force, and of individuals (Continued on Page Six)

ONCE CUED JFK FORMER TV DIRECTOR NOW 'DIRECTS' F-100

Flying combat missions in Vietnam is quite a change from the job held by 1st Lt. George A. Rabey Jr., 27, from Mt. Ranier, Md., back in the summer of 1962.

Now an F-100 pilot in the 615th TAC FTR SQDN at Phan Rang Air Base, he spent that summer as an assistant director and floor manager for a television station in Washington D.C., and one phase of his job, consisted of being floor manager for some of the late President John F. Kennedy's T.V. press conferences.

Lieutenant Rabey admitted that it was a nerve-racking assignment: "I didn't want to make any mistakes with the President of the United States up there."

A radio and television production major at the University of Maryland, he has flown 190 combat missions with the 'Black Panthers' of the 615th TFS in support of friendly ground forces in Vietnam, and he feels this role is even more nerve racking than the press conference work:

"When I was working with the President and his press conferences, nobody was shooting at me."

The fighter pilot described JFK as "an extremely relaxed, but yet vivacious young man He was always jovial, always joking with us, and always just seemed to be going out of his way to do what he could to please the radio and television industry.

Looking back over his many combat missions in Vietnam. Lt. Rabey singled out two of them as the high points in his combat career. One was a night scramble in which he was called on to assist friendly forces "in extreme heavy contact" with enemy troops in mountainous terrain west of Pleiku, South Vietnam. "I wasn't too experienced at the time," he recalled "and it scared the hell out of me."

The second mission etched in his memory occurred on June 20th of this year when his F-100 Super Sabre came to the assistance of Army troops engaged in a fierce battle with enemy forces. Lieutenant Rabey roared in to deliver his bombs right on the target despite extremely bad weather and high winds. The bombs fell just 75 meters from the Army troops.

In a letter written about this engagement, "the Army commander thanked us and said we were extremely valuable in helping to turn the tide for the Army troops."

The former television director believes that his contact with President Kennedy has served to inspire him as a fighter pilot.

LOCAL VILLAGERS AWAKEN TO HAIL OF SCHRAPNEL

The residents of Du Long, a tiny farming village, which is located approximately 20 miles south of Phan Rang were awakened by exploding 81 Milli-Meter mortar shells recently.

Three enemy mortar positions lobbed the 81 MM shells into the village for a period of 30 minutes.

One villager was killed and nine injured in the havoc caused by the exploding ordnance.

Many of the homes were set on fire, and before friendly forces could reach the badly damaged village, the Viet Cong force had departed the scene of their morning's work.

No friendly forces were in the village at the time of the attack and no logical reason for the premeditated attack was given by local Vietnamese officials.

PARACHUTE PACKERS ARE BUSY MEN

Everytime an F-100 Super Sabre aircraft takes off from Phan Rang Air Base, it carries a large nylon drag chute. The drag chute is used to accomplish a large percentage of the aircrafts breaking during high speed landings.

Were it not for the large yellow chutes which are stowed in the belly of these supersonic fighters, break failures would be frequent an extremely costly.

Staff Sergeant Melvin K. Riddle, 29, of New Castle, Ind., a member of the 35th Field Maintenance Squadron manages the operation. His shop is open seven days a week.

The Sergeant and his seven assistants are responsible for checking, folding, and packing approximately 600 dragchutes a week.

His shop also repairs another 140 damaged chutes a week which are also repacked and used until they can no longer be repaired.

Sergeant Riddle, said "This is a team operation and I have seven of the best packers in the Air Force."

According to Sergeant Riddle, "the devotion his men show towards their work is really outstanding and this is the smoothest and most efficient operation he has ever been engaged in."

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Good

"AND ANOTHER VILLIAN BITES THE DUST AT THE HAND OF TH' FASTEST GUN ON TH' EAST PERIMETER."

MOVIE PARADE

TONIGHT: Three Bites from the Apple, comedy with David McCallum and Sylvia Koscina.

THURSDAY: Namu, the Killer Whale, adventure with Robert Lansing and Lee Merriwether.

FRIDAY: Sing and Swing. Could be a musical....

SATURDAY: Dr. Goldfoot and his Women Bombs, spy story starring Vincent Price and Fabian. Would you believe bombs stuffed with women??

RED CROSS 'HAPS'

Best bet of the week: Saturday night's Monte Carlo Spectacular at 7:30 p.m. Tonight there'll be a frog-jumping contest at 8. Catch and bring your own frog. On Friday at 7 there'll be a pinchle tourney, and on Sunday the lounge will be converted into a checkerboard for a wild game called Human Checkers. Sign up now for a new French Club, which will offer conversational French...15 applicants so far. Lieutenant Wittman is looking for Elephant Chess students.

AROUND THE CLUBS

At the Airmen's Club tonight there'll be a Wild West (Aussie-style) show featuring Ned Kelly and Sumito, in a display of bullwhipping, sharpshooting, and magic. The Rhythmairers' music will be heard Friday from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. There may be a show Saturday night. At the NCO Club, Happy Hour, 6-7 p.m. Friday, and maybe a show Sat.nite

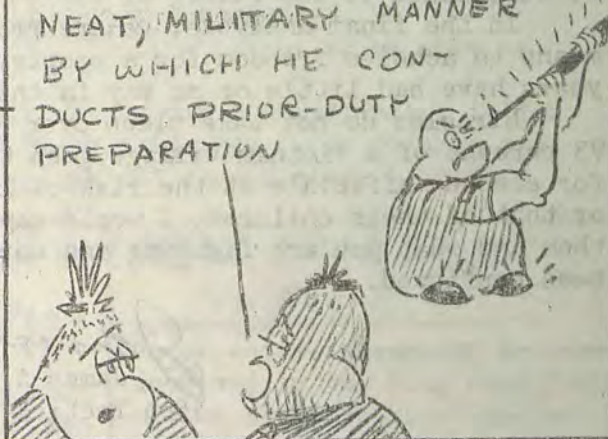
SPORTS FLASHES. The newly-revamped and repainted weight room has re-opened alongside the base theater. A 'latissimus dorsi' muscle-developing machine is to be installed there, according to MSgt. Bob Birchfield, weightlifting instructor. **COMING SOON**: A base touch football league, featuring intramurals games six nights a week. A turnout of 16 to 20 squadron teams is awaited. Teams must register by next Wednesday.

DIMSY DUMSTER By Good

SOMETIMES I THINK DUMSTER GETS TOO FAR OUT ABOUT HIS AUGMENTEE DUTIES.



NOT REALLY. HE REFLECTS HIS SELF ESTEEM IN THE NEAT, MILITARY MANNER BY WHICH HE CONDUCTS PRIOR-DUTY PREPARATION



I STILL THINK HE CARRY'S IT TOO FAR



EDITORIAL

While driving around Phan Rang Air Base, it has often occurred to me that every man on this base has his own individual story and will not do anything well that he does not believe in. But the most important factor, from where I stand, is the fact that regardless of personal beliefs, we (you and I) are in Vietnam to provide a climate where democracy can flourish and the individual can live a happy and fruitful life.

It means that you and I are giving up much of our own personal and individual freedom to stop Communist aggression in Vietnam. Do you realize that perhaps 10 or 20 South Vietnamese civilians will sleep in their own beds and plow their own rice fields, instead of planting rice for a communist overlord or living on a co-op farm someplace.

Perhaps the education a little Vietnamese boy receives in one of the hundreds of schools that have been set up since the Americans have come to Vietnam, will enable him to contribute to the future of his country.

In the final analysis, we are providing a hope and a means to achieve freedom for a people, who for hundreds of years have had little or no say in their own destiny.

Miracles do not take place over night, but any time 93 percent of a Vietnam village goes to the polls to vote for elected officials at the risk of losing their own life, or that of their children, I would say that your faith in them and what you are fighting and working for daily has been confirmed.

James A. Wilson
Col. James A. Wilson, Commander
35th Tactical Fighter Wing

Rang now cannot appreciate how good it is. We lived in tents, walked in mud ankle deep, or choked on dust. There were no paved roads, like now. It was an adventure that all who were deployed with the squadron will never forget."

The "Lucky Devils" have expended thousands of tons of bombs against enemy positions and have used in excess of two million rounds of 20 mm ammunition in the past 12 months.

The squadron, was originally a bomber squadron in World War II, averaged 1000 hours of fighter time each month for the past year. They have flown almost 8000 sorties for the year.

This past year has seen the squadron fighting the Vietnam war in one other way, that of Civic Action.

The men of the 614th have donated over \$1700 in the past year to schools in Phan Rang and Thap Cham for scholarships and improvements. Presently they are giving special support to one school, An Phouc High School located in the

MARINE BROTHER VISITS PILOT

Capt. Gordon M. Pollard, 32, from Clovis, N.M., an F-100 Super Sabre pilot with the 614th Tactical Fighter Squadron received a pleasant surprise recently.

His brother, Marine Staff Sergeant David S. Pollard, stopped by to spend a few days with him before returning to the DMZ. Sergeant Pollard is assigned to a Marine artillery unit in the Quang Tri province.

Before coming to Phan Rang as a fighter pilot, Capt. Pollard was a Forward Air Controller near the DMZ. The outpost where he was assigned was just five miles from where his brother is stationed. However, due to the rough terrain and busy work schedules, the two rarely saw each other.

Sergeant Pollard is now serving his second tour in Vietnam. He was here in 1964.

614th TFS CELEBRATES FIRST ANNIVERSARY HERE

Members of the "Lucky Devils" also known as the 614th Tactical Fighter Squadron recently celebrated their first anniversary of combat operations in South Vietnam.

When the squadron deployed from England AFB, La., it was commanded by Lt. Col. Lewis R. Blakeney and in April of 1967, the present commander, Lt. Col. Kenneth P. Miles, from San Antonio, assumed the command.

All of the original pilots have now departed from the F-100 Super Sabre squadron, but there are still a few enlisted personnel who have extended their tours.

One of them, Airman Second Class Terry Brodt, from Los Angeles, is an operations clerk. According to Airman Brodt, "It has been a most interesting and fruitful year. I have learned quite a bit about Air Force operations in SEA. The men coming to Phan

village of Thap Cham. The men not only give money, but such items as beds, mattresses, blankets, lumber and school supplies. In addition to supporting the education of Vietnamese students, the men have volunteered their time in promoting better relations with the Vietnamese people.

In the words of Colonel Miles, "We are going to win this war not only by bombs alone, but by winning the hearts of the Vietnamese people. We are accomplishing this task daily through our many civic action programs."

L.D.S.

All 'Mormon' personnel on base are urged to attend Sacrament Meeting each Sunday at 3:30 PM. in the Base Chapel. Visitors are always Welcome.

ASK
AUNT
PHANNY

Aunt Phanny would welcome any letters from her readers:

Address your letters to the Phan Rang Weekly (Phanfare)

Dear Aunt Phanny:

My wife sent me a chocolate cake last week.

However when the cake arrived (by boat-mail) it was in a million pieces and full of chocolate covered ants. The ants had a case of indigestion. What should I do with the cake?

Sgt. Kindheart

Dear Sgt. Kindheart:

break up some aspirin tablets and sprinkle the crumbs into the cake, the ants will appreciate any kindness you are willing to show them and offer the cake to some of your friends; I hear that Chocolate covered ants are a delicacy and think of the praise you will receive. Phanny

Dear Aunt Phanny: My feelings are hurt, my supervisor told me to slow down and stop working so hard, he said "I was doing more than any three men in the shop, and causing the other men to have to work more what should I do?"

Sgt. Hard Toiler

Dear Sgt. Hard Toilers: It is obvious that your good efforts are not appreciated, and it is always easier to drive with the traffic, than to try and pass it. Stop to fix a flat once in a while and your fellow loafers will love you.

Aunt Phanny



BLACK PANTHER' IN SWITCH

"I have to do everything for myself now," said 1st Lt. Christian A. Crocker, 25, from Flourtown, Pa., as he described the switch he made from C-141 Starlifter Co-pilot to F-100 Super Sabre pilot.

A veteran of 43 combat missions with the F-100's of the 615th Tactical Fighter Squadron, the young officer recalled that as a co-pilot in C-141's, the largest jet transports in the Air Force, he was part of a crew, which included pilot, navigator, engineer and loadmaster.

He flew ten airlift missions to Vietnam from the United States in the gigantic four-engine transports to deliver vital cargo to Allied forces, before embarking on his new career as a fighter pilot.

The first step of that career consisted of four months of F-100 training in the United States. He came to Phan Rang two months ago.

"I was quite happy to get the chance to fly an F-100 Super Sabre in Vietnam," the lieutenant commented.

"I think it's any fighter pilot's desire to be able to support our own troops in the field."

The ex-transport pilot is now his own navigator, flight engineer, and bombardier as he flies his F-100 through the skies of South Vietnam to bomb and strafe enemy targets.

REMEMBER YOUR PINK PILL

All personnel are reminded that Malaria presents a serious medical problem among U.S. Forces in Vietnam.

Malaria is caused by the bite of an infected female mosquito. In addition to personal and unit protective measures (MACVD 40-11) each US military individual will take one Chloroquine-primaquine anti-malaria tablet on the same day of each week. Throughout Vietnam, Monday is the day for taking the tablet.

If adverse side effects are experienced, medical advice should be obtained. Only Medical Corps officers may make exception to the weekly Malaria tablet.

RED CROSS CENTER NAMED

Phan Rang's newly opened Red Cross Recreation Center is now officially named the "Contrail Club". The winning name was turned into Red Cross personnel by ALC Thomas Cuddy, 29, an administrative clerk with the 35th Combat Support group. Airman Cuddy hails from Kensett, Iowa.

NEW CMR BOX NUMBERS

An excessive amount of letters received in the Phan Rang Post office still require locator service. All personnel should have advised their correspondents of their new CMR box number.

To preclude delays in receiving your mail ask the clerk at the CMR package window for a DD Form 1175 (notification of address change) to send to your correspondents. Also POD Form 3579 is available to send your correct address to publishers of your periodicals.

MAILING VOICE TAPES

The green Customs label on voice tapes is no longer required on tapes forwarded under the Free Mail privileges.

There's an empty seat waiting for you each Sunday in the base chapel. For one hour each week it is possible to get away from the regular routine and enjoy fellowship of other worshipers in one common cause.

If you haven't been in quite a while, come on and see what your missing. We've a new fine building, all we lack is you, and you are the most important part.

Enjoy a different kind of happening...one of the oldest.

Uncle D. D. D.

FLIGHTLINE DOUBLES

Flightline personnel of the 352 Tactical Fighter Sq. are doing a lot of double-takes since the arrival of the Wikle twins.

A2C Thomas M. Wikle and his brother A2C Charles E. Wikle are new weapons mechanics who recently arrived here from Cannon AFB, N.M.

The 21-year-old identical twins are from Chillicothe, Ohio.

Other than causing a bit of confusion to their NCOIC and fellow crew members, they have never experienced any real trouble (being twins) since they have been in the Air Force.

While they were at tech school at Lowery AFB, Colo., they were with a flight that had three sets of twins in the same barracks at the same time.

"They never tried to distinguish one from the other. All they said when they wanted one of us was, 'Hey, Wikle twin, come here.'" stated Tom Wikle.

Charles commented that as a twin you learn early that if you are mistaken for your brother, you just answer and go right along. It saves confusion.

The two have never been separated before in their 21 years, but upon returning from Vietnam they will try and go separate ways. Charles is going to try and return to Cannon AFB, where he has a fiancee. Tom wishes to return to Ohio.

-CONVOY-

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Phan Rang.

About half way back, the lead vehicle of the convoy was hit by small arms fire. The convoy stopped and everybody took cover until the soldiers cleared the ambush and the convoy started again.

SAFETY IS YOUR JOB!
NOT THE OTHER MANS,
OBSERVE THE RULES
AND ROTATE.....

RESERVE PROMOTIONS

All airmen serving on extended active duty who hold a nonactive Air Force Reserve commission are advised that Headquarters Air Reserve Personnel Center (COMAC) is convening a promotion board to consider nonactive officers for promotion to the permanent grade of Major.

The "fully qualified" method of selection will be used. To be eligible in the zone of consideration, personnel concerned must have a Promotion Service Date of June 30, 1962 or earlier, and Total Years Service Date of June 30, 1955 or earlier.

Eligible personnel may send a letter to the board in accordance with paragraph 60-3, AFM 35-3.

For further information refer to Special Actions of CBPO, ext. 2256.

LOCAL SERGEANT BUYS MEDAL

Last weeks article about Sergeant Rice, who is a close friend of the Medal of Honor winner Major Bernard Fisher, brought to light another individual who is involved with the Major's medal.

Staff Sergeant Russell T. James, chief clerk for the 352 TFS, recently arrived here from the Pentagon where he was with the Secretary of the Air Force Office of Information.

It seems that Sergeant James processed Major Fisher for the award. Also, when the official photographs were to be taken (before the news story was released) the photo shop had no Medal of Honor to be used for the photo.

Sergeant James had to purchase a Medal of Honor at the local supply. This was done with great difficulty, since the medal is sold only with valid proof that the buyer is a recipient of the medal.

Because the news had not been released, Sergeant James was unable to tell who it was for. However, it was aquired,

DOCTOR BROWN-

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viduals and units, is a matter of record. We must know that record the circumstances in which it developed. But we can never afford to become engrossed in the past. We must stay alive to the changing world environment and the national objectives which airpower must support.

At the present time we are deeply engaged in a new sort of conflict. We are faced with a struggle containing both military and political components. In this conflict, the enemy both exploits the civilian population and uses it as a shield in combat. The Air Force has learned how to meet this threat and how to adjust operational methods to changing requirements.

It is through looking to the past for traditions of human accomplishments and professionalism, looking to the past and present for better ways of accomplishing our mission, and looking with imagination to probable future challenges that the Air Force--the youngest service-- can provide dynamic leadership in assuring our national security.

PHANRANG SALUTES

A1C David L. Johnson, an administrative specialist with the personnel services division, who recently worked a 24 hour day to insure that Phan Rang based personnel would be able to use the 90 Hawaii R&R allocations which were given to the base on short notice.

Keep up the good work, you can rest assured that it will be appreciated.

OFF THE CUFF

Overheard recently at the Red Cross Center, an airman announced that he had found a Viet Cong leaflet in a local village. When asked how he knew it was Viet Cong, he replied "Mao Tse Tung was wearing a white hat."

***** BUY BONDS *****

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AIR FORCE MEDIC SAVES LIFE OF VIETNAMESE SOLDIER

Staff Sergeant Vincent L. Davis, an aeromedical technician assigned to the 35th Tactical Dispensary, recently saved the life of a badly wounded South Vietnamese soldier.

Sergeant Davis is presently performing his medical duties with the 38th Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Squadron's Detachment 1, which is based here at Phan Rang.

The sergeant was flying in an HH-34B helicopter when the pilot received a call for help from a South Vietnamese Army force which was operating in a Viet Cong controlled area approximately 10 miles South of the base.

PACAF CHIEF VISITS BASE

General John D. Ryan, Commander in Chief of Pacific Air Forces visited Phan Rang this past week.

Colonel James A. Wilson, Commander of the 35th Tactical Fighter Wing, and Colonel Lewis R. Riley, Base Commander, met General Ryan at the flightline and escorted him to a comprehensive briefing at Wing Headquarters.

After the briefing the General toured the following base facilities: The new chapel, Security Police Barracks, Red Cross Service Club and new Base Exchange.

Besides visiting the wing's three fighter squadrons, the General also visited the 13th Tac Bomb Sq and the 315th Air Commando Wing.

While visiting the Air Crew Alert Facility, he discussed alert support tactics and the job Phan Rang pilots are performing daily.

Prior to his departure, the General said that he "was very impressed with the improvements that have been made at Phan Rang." He also asked Col. Wilson to thank all Phan Rang personnel for the tremendous job that they have done here in working to develop the base.

October is the month for R & R. If you're thinking about going, now is the time.

TOP CREW CHIEF NAMED FOR AUG.

Airman Second Class George M. Williams, 352nd Tactical Fighter Squadron has been named as the Outstanding Crew Chief for the month of August for the 35th Tactical Fighter Wing.

He was also named Squadron Crew Chief of the month and awarded a \$25 Savings Bond.

BASE CHAPLAIN HAS SECOND IN CONTEST

Word has been received that Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Theodore J. Kleinhans, Installation Chaplain, has won second place in the Air Training Command level of the USAF Short Story Contest.

Besides the \$150 check, his story is eligible to compete at USAF level with winners from other major commands.

The story is about the frustrations of a young Negro GI who comes back home to Alabama after a tour in Vietnam.

The chaplain wrote it a month before he received his orders for Phan Rang.

THIS 'N THAT -

Beach Lifeguard A2C Tim Conrodine, 35th SPS, saved the life of an airman seized with stomach cramps last Thursday.

...Sixteen Air Medals were presented Saturday to members of the 352nd TFS...Air Force movie makers were busy shooting footage on Civic Action projects at PRAB. (on pg six)

One of the soldiers assigned to the unit had been shot in the back twice and was in critical condition.

Upon reaching the area, the pilot, 1st Lt. Gery L. Gross, decided that the terrain was unsuitable for landing, so Sgt. Davis volunteered to descend by cable while the 'chopper' hovered. He then gave the wounded man what medical first aid he could, and with the help of other ARVN troops loaded the patient on the helicopter which found suitable landing area during this time. Ten minutes later the patient was being treated at Phan Rang City hospital.

NEW WAREHOUSE OPENS WITH CEREMONIES

Asiatic Forwarders, Inc. recently opened a new warehouse facility near the base motor pool.

Colonel Lewis R. Riley, base commander, cut the official ribbon. Assisting in the ceremony was Mr. Gary Whatley, field representative for AFI. Other officials from AFI and the base were on hand for the occasion.

The new warehouse will allow Asiatic Forwarders to provide better service for the military personnel at Phan Rang.

The company provides hold baggage service for shipment to the States.

ASK
AUNT
PHANNY

Dear Aunt Phanny:

There is an irate Colonel on base who told me that if he caught me drinking # 33 during working hours just one more time, he'd slap my knuckles with a ruler.. Don't you think this is a cruel, unjust and archaic punishment not to mention inhuman and bestial.

Ann. Goldfinger

Dear Airman Goldfinger

Yes I agree with you. Such punishment belongs to the dark ages. I've talked to the irate Colonel and he told me that this practice would be discontinued. I am not sure what replaces this type of punishment, but the Col. said something about a man with a hooded face, carrying a large Axe.

Aunt Phanny

Letters, we need LETTERS! Aunt Phanny needs material to keep her going. No letters no Aunt Phanny.

AUSSIES WIN
P.R. DAVIS CUP

The Aussies have walked off with Phan Rang's version of the 'Davis Cup'.

No. 2 Sq. from down under, led by Rex Bean, won 6 of the 9 matches played.

The 'Davis Cup' was donated by Lt. Col. 'Duke' Davis, operations officer of the 13th TBS. It was intended to promote tennis competition between units on the base.

The cup was presented to the Aussie team by Lt. Col. George Cap, Commander of the 13th. It will remain in the possession of No. 2 Sq. until some unit is able to beat them in some future challenge match.

THEY CALL HIM
"BUTCH"

DOG LIVES
"THE"
GOOD LIFE

Butch, a 60 pound brown and black dog who is also a combat veteran with 1,500 missions to his credit believes in taking his own rest and recuperation trips to Saigon.

Butch is a member of the 309th Air Commando Squadron, which is based at Phan Rang Air Base. He recently qualified for the "Purple Heart" but was given a rare steak instead.

Butch was hit in the stomach by a piece of shrapnel from a 50 caliber bullet, which pierced the underside of a C-123 Provider during a recent re-supply mission over South Vietnam.

His condition was critical for a while, but after intensive care by a local veterinarian and his staff, he walked out of the hospital with only a three inch scar to remind him of his brush with death.

Following his return from the hospital, Butch limited his flying for a period of time, but his love for flying soon caught hold again.

According to A1C Lee E. Nelson, of Salt Lake, City, Butch's un-official guardian and protector, "Whenever Butch's plane lands in Saigon, he is likely to get off and not show up again for three days, as he likes to take leave at Tan Son Nhut.

When he wants to come back to Phan Rang, he waits until a C-123 with a "red nose" lands and gets on.

All of the 309th's aircraft are well marked and the air crews all know Butch.

When he gets back to Phan Rang, he is so pooped, that he does nothing but sleep and rest for two or three days.

Suggestions save time and money. They also can earn.

NAVIGATOR
PREFERS A
NIGHT FLIGHT

Night missions are "a little more risk" than daylight strikes, according to B-57 navigator Captain William W. Fink Jr., 33 of Houston, Texas., but "personally, I enjoy the night missions more because it is a more demanding mission."

About half of our missions are flown at night," said the veteran of nine years Air Force service. "The night missions provide much more lucrative targets and are much more demanding in terms of mission preparation."

Daylight assaults by the B-57 jet bombers in support of Allied Forces in South Vietnam, have been directed at enemy base camps, sampans, fortified positions, and troop concentrations.

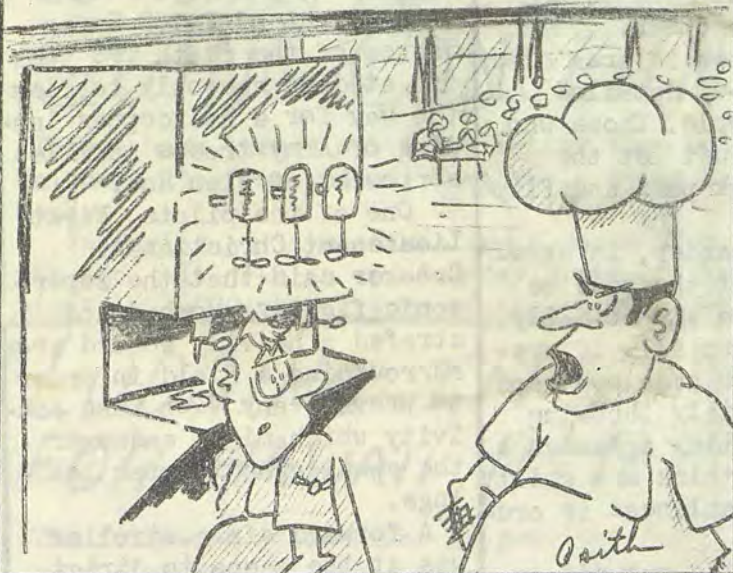
Fink has been flying combat missions in Vietnam for more than five months. "I feel like my entire experience in the Air Force prior to coming to Vietnam was in preparation for the missions I'm flying here," he said.

Captain Fink, recently flew his 100th combat mission as a member of the 13th Tactical Bombardment Squadron, which is based at Clark Air Base in the Philippines, but flies rotational combat tours in two month stretches at Phan Rang Air Base.

Looking back over his first 100 combat missions, Fink singled out a strike 20 miles north of Phan Rang as his most memorable combat experience. He recalled that it was flown in close support of an Allied force in the midst of very adverse weather.

Despite "extremely low ceilings," the B-57 delivered its ordnance on target to assist Korean troops

PHAN RANG OBSERVATIONS:



"I DON'T KNOW WHY THERE'RE ON THERE EITHER — JUST BE GLAD WE'VE GOT 'EM!"
 Thanks to A2C FERRANTE, 1892 Comm Sq

MOVIE GUIDE

TONITE- TV Series
 FRIDAY- Kiss The Girls And Make Them Die
 SATURDAY- The Art Of Love

RED CROSS CENTER

TONITE- Table Tennis Tournament
 THURSDAY- Chess and Checkers; Bridge Lessons
 FRIDAY- Pinochle Tournament
 SUNDAY MORNING- Coffee Call
 SUNDAY Chess and Checkers
 MONDAY- Closed
 TUESDAY- Birthday Party

ENTERTAINMENT

NCO OPEN MESS
 FRI- Eva Marie Variety Show-8 to 9 PM
 SAT- Music by the NEW SOUNDS (folk, pop, and country music)-7 to 11 PM
 TUE- Abbie Neal and the Ranch Girls-8 to 9:30
 NOTICE: The beverage hours at NCO Open Mess are now 9am thru 10:30 pm Sunday thru Thurs. Friday and Sat. 9 AM thru 11 PM.

AIRMEN'S OPEN MESS

FRI- Weekly Band Nite- the New Sounds
 7:30 to 9:30 PM
 SAT- The Eva Marie Variety Show- 7:30 to 8:30
 MON- Abbie Neal and the Ranch Girls
 7:30- 9:00 PM

SPORT SHORT

Football Fever has hit Phan Rang. Tag football teams can be seen practicing on every available flat spot. However, more teams are needed in the tourney before it can start. Oct 2nd is the deadline. All games will be played in the Diamond #1 area, near the hospital.

DIMSEY DUMSTER BY Gerts

WELL, COLONEL, AS I SEE IT, THE ONLY WAY TO IMPROVEMENT HERE IS TO FIRST IDENTIFY AREAS THAT NEED IMPROVEMENT, THEN ELIMINATE THEM!



AHEM! WELL GENERAL, I WAS JUST THINKING ABOUT THAT MYSELF. SHOW ME A MAN WHO CAN PIN-POINT AN AF ERROR, WRAP IT UP, BRING IT TO THE OL' OFFICE, LAY IT BARE ON THE RUG, SHOW ME SOME JUSTIFYING PAPERWORK — AND I'LL PROMOTE HIM ON THE SPOT!



LATER: SIR, THERE'S AN AIRMAN DUMSTER TO SEE YOU



AS VIEWED FROM MY WINDOW....

All of us dislike details. No matter what rank we achieve, we all have details of some kind or another.

One detail in particular that no one likes is area clean up. But do you ever think who causes clean-up details? People....unthinking people....careless people. Those who open that letter or unwrap that snack and just let the paper fly. Or those who take that last quick puff and flip that cigarette down and walk on.

One of my responsibilities, as Wing Commander, is showing visitors our base. It is imperative that the base be presentable at all times, as visitors arrive almost daily.

Keeping the base clean should be no job at all, if everyone would just do his share in keeping his area neat and clean. No one, I hope, goes around deliberately throwing things on the ground to give the base an untidy appearance. Only those careless few that really do not think are guilty of littering. In this tropical climate, cleanliness is crucial for health reasons, if for no other.

The next time you see that can lying on the ground, or paper blowing across the area, take that extra few seconds, pick it up, and discard it in a proper receptical. By just doing that you will have done your share in keeping Phan Rang attractive for all who live here and for those who visit us.

...Make cleanliness a habit, not a detail...

James A. Wilson
Col. James A. Wilson, Cmdr.,
35th Tactical Fighter Wing

ENGLISH TEACHERS
NEEDED FOR C.A.

The Civic Action English Instruction Program is now in full swing.

Classes are conducted six nights a week alternating between Thap Cham and Phan Rang.

In addition several day classes are held throughout the week at two high schools.

All these classes are conducted with the help of 15 volunteer teachers. More teachers are needed for both regular and substitute slots.

A new program for teaching English to Province officials is in the planning stage and anyone with college education who desires to assist in this program should contact the Civic Actions Office at Ext. 2464.

The PHANFARE is an unofficial publication produced by the 35th Tactical Fighter Wing Information Office for Phan Rang AB. It is produced to keep personnel informed of local information for their benefit. Any news items that effect base personnel are welcome. Call EXT 2464.

35th DISPENSARY
AND CBPO TEAM
FOR RECORD RESULT

2,001 Officers and Airmen out of 2,003 showed up at the Base Dispensary during August and September to get the immunizations needed to keep their shot records up to date.

This is a bi-monthly program conducted by the Base Personnel Office (Machine Records Division) under the direction of SMSgt. Michael J. Simile, NCOIC of Data Control Division.

According to Sgt. Simile, each man's shot record is kept on IBM cards and a roster of each squadron at Phan Rang is sent out every two months to individual commanders, with IBM cards for those who need shots.

The commander of each squadron has 45 days to insure that each man who receives an IBM card reports to the dispensary for immunization.

99.9% of all Air Force personnel received their required shots during the 45 day period. This was an all

F-100s CLEAR WAY
FOR ARMY ASSULT

A flight of F-100 Super Sabres of the 615th TFS took off at dawn recently to clear the way for a helicopter landing of Army troops 45 miles northwest of Bien Hoa.

One of the pilots, First Lieutenant Christian A. Crooker said that the supersonic fighters bombed and strafed a heavily wooded area surrounding a field in order to prevent any Viet Cong activity which might endanger the ensuing helicopter landings.

A forward air controller was at the scene to direct the landing zone preparatory operations of the Phan Rang F-100s. Lt. Crooker has been in Vietnam for two months and has flown many combat missions with the "Black Panthers" of the 615th.

LET US HELP TELL
YOUR STORY AT HOME

The 35th Tactical Fighter Wing Office of Information sends this reminder to all personnel; that with the new monthly promotion program now in effect, there are a lot of people at home that would like to hear of your achievements. The best way for most people to hear about what you do over here or anywhere else in the Air Force is through the Air Force Hometown News Program.

Contact your Unit Orderly Room for copies of AF Form 175, fill it out and let it be sent to the Wing Information Office for processing to the News Center. This is a very painless way to tell your folks and friends at home how you are doing.

time high in the history of the base. The two men who did not show up were TDY for the immunization period.

The Base Immunization Plan is now part of the ZD Program and counts toward base awards and trophies which are given by 7th AF in Saigon.

Sergeant Simile added, "The support received from command personnel and the dispensary commander and personnel were the deciding factor in this record achievement."

SNAKE HOUSE NOW GOING CONCERN

"Things have turned out a lot better than we anticipated," said Airman First Class Bill Gaither, 25, from Ludlow, Kentucky, as he talked about this base's unique new snake house.

Featuring 45 live snakes and a dozen live lizards, the base serpentarium opened a month ago. It drew an opening-day crowd of close to 300 personnel, and they took approximately 1,000 photographs of the cobras, pythons, poisonous crates, pit vipers, and other reptiles on the premises, Airman Gaither reported.

LODGING TIPS FOR HAWAII R & R

The following information is provided for base personnel planning to go on R & R in Hawaii.

Guest cottages are available for use by USAF personnel at Bellows Air Force Station on Waimanalo Bay on the east side of Oahu Island, approximately 25 miles from Honolulu.

Equipped with 81 comfortable cottages, sail boats, snack bar and a theatre, it should be especially desirable for men and their families who need inexpensive accommodations during that 7 day vacation.

Priority for use of these cottages, will be given to Southeast Asia personnel.

The following cabins are available for your use:

OFFICERS

24 2-bedroom efficiency apartment type cabins: Up to four people - \$6.00 per day

18 1-room efficiency cabins. Up to four people. \$3.50 per day

AIRMEN

20 2-bedroom efficiency apartment type cabins. Up to four people. \$4.50 per day

19 1-room efficiency cabins. Up to four people. \$3.00 a day.

Your request for space must be at the Bellows R & R reservation center in writing 30 days in advance/Telephone calls work too.

NEW LOCATOR CARDS TO AID MAIL "SPEED-UP"

Letter mail is being delayed in many cases because locator cards are not on file for many individuals stationed at Phan Rang.

If the base post office does not have a locator card on an individual, his mail must be forwarded to Saigon for locator service. This procedure can cause up to a 20 day delay in delivery. To eliminate this problem, each individual is requested to fill out the locator card that will be placed in his mail box.

"We have many people bringing us snakes now," the young snake house proprietor said.

During duty hours, ALC Gaither works as a Motorola systems monitor in the 1882nd Communications Squadron, however most of his off duty time is spent building and running the attractive facility.

"We get many telephone calls each week from people who locate snakes in the area," said the Kentuckian, adding that these snakes have been placed in holding cages and are earmarked for future display.

A multi-talented individual, Bill is also in charge of the administration of non-tactical radio systems for his squadron, but has also found time to learn to speak the Vietnamese language fluently, spearheading a squadron Civic Action program for local youngsters, and creating hilarious cartoons for base publications.

Airman Gaithers' artistic talents were employed in creating attractive display cases for the snakes and lizards.

Phan Rang has the only snake house in existence among all Air Force installations in South Vietnam. The facility was originally built to familiarize base personnel with the variety of poisonous and non-poisonous reptiles in the area of the base. In this way, Bill explained, anybody who gets bitten by a poisonous snake will be able to identify it and thus assist base medical personnel in giving the proper antidote.

A minor crisis developed when the time came to install lights in the python pit. The electrician, seeing the 11-foot-long pythons, hesitated to enter the area; Bill assured him that the pythons were docile, but when one of the long snakes began hissing and striking, the electrician bolted out of the pit, and "didn't stop till he reached his vehicle." The issue was resolved only when Amn. Gaither agreed to stand between the electrician and the snakes for the duration of the lighting installation.

One of the most fascinating inhabitants of the snake house is a 'Phony' black cobra once owned by a Penang snake charmer. It's fangs were pulled by the snake charmer. It spreads it's hood and hisses and strikes at everyone as if it were the meanest creature in the world.

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C-123 SQ COMMANDER HAS COLORFUL BACKGROUND

Lieutenant Colonel Conrad Kreps, 51, of Akron Ohio, the commander of the 309th Air Commando Squadron at Phan Rang has one of the most colorful backgrounds anyone could ever run into.

Colonel Kreps, was the Assistant Air Force Attache to Austria, from 1962 thru 1966 and enjoyed the job so much, that he still corresponds with some of the friends he made in that European nation.

However the Colonel had been in Europe prior to 1962, when he was a B-26 bomber pilot during World War II and was shot down by the Germans during 1943. At that time, the Italians were on the German side, and the young Army Air Force 2nd Lt. was placed in a Italian prisoner of war camp. He stayed in that camp until the Italians surrendered and the American and British POW's were loaded onto a German train, which was to take them to German prisoner of war camps deep inside Germany.

According to the Colonel, the treatment he had received from the Italians was reasonably good, but when he boarded the German train, it was apparent that things were going to take a turn for the worse, and he immediately started trying to find a way to escape.

With every click of the wheels, the colonel knew he was getting further away from the invading allied forces and freedom, and that he might not live out the war in a German prison camp.

The colonel and another man found a loose air grill on the box car and pried it out. They crawled out the small hole and managed to position their bodies on the rods which run underneath the European type box cars.

When the train slowed down, they jumped for high grass and hid until the train pulled out again.

When the Germans checked the cars, they found the grill missing and launched a

search for the two men, but were unsuccessful.

Shortly after the train departed, the two hungry men started an almost impossible trip over 120 miles of mountains to Naples, Italy, which was in allied hands.

Colonel Krebs said "we would never have made it, had it not been for the Italian people we met on the 36 day journey.

One hundred and twenty miles does not seem like much on level ground, but try it in five or six thousand foot mountains."

The colonel's second trip to Europe as attache was much different and instead of hiding from people, he was now able to make lasting friends and do a job he enjoyed.

As an advisor, to the Austrian Air Force, he helped solve many operational problems and aided them in improving their small Air Force, which was equipped with Saab (Swedish) jet fighters and other types of American aircraft.

Colonel Krebs, also said "he is enjoying his tour of duty in Vietnam and thinks he has the finest group of pilots and airmen in Vietnam.

T-N-T (from onc)

Also on shooting docket were Major Frank Howard of 352nd and SSgt Tom Kulick of 600 Photo, describing their bail-out into the South China Sea from an F-100.... A lively crowd enjoyed Monte Carlo nite at the Red Cross Center... Two new dogs have arrived for duty at 35 SPS canine sect... The second set of twins, Davis brothers, working at instrument shop of 35th AEMS. That makes PR's second set of new arrival twins.... Anyone for triplets? A hardy Welcome, to them and also ..SAM.. The new director of the RCRC, a charming blond with cute smile who wants to be called Sam... attendance at morning general Protestant Service was 125, all time high, but for a base this size, still not many.

MAJOR SETS NEW MISSION RECORD

Major Paul J. Allison, 34, of Harrington Park, N.J., a C-123 B pilot, who is a member of the 310th Air Commando Squadron at Phan Rang Air Base has set a new record for the highest number of supply sorties during a 12 month stay in Vietnam.

The major, who is a graduate of the Air Command and Staff College, also holds a B.A. degree in Economics and a Masters degree in Business Administration has flown a total of 1399 sorties in C-123 B & K model aircraft during his Vietnam tour.

The 310 Air Commando Squadron flies military and other supplies to Allied units all over South Vietnam and according to Major Allison, "He has operated out of more than 70 different forward bases and landing fields (many of them dirt strips).

The 34 year old major has captured the squadron night mission record, by flying more night missions than any other pilot in the squadron.

Major Allison has been awarded the "Air Medal" and has several other awards pending.

Besides flying regular missions, the major held the job of checking out new pilots arriving in the squadron and making sure that they were well orientated on the operational functions of the C-123 aircraft.

Major Allison will depart for the United States in the latter part of September.

He will attend a one year school in Washington D.C. then proceed to Pakistan as an Air Attache at the American Embassy.

When asked what he was looking forward to most after arriving back in the states, he said "a non-stop airplane ticket back to his wife and children."